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## Council Accepts Donation of Motorcycle From Local Dealer

### Claremont PD Recipient of Harley-Davidson

By Eric Zengota  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—On October 13, the Claremont City Council voted to accept the donation of a 2021 Harley-Davidson motorcycle, valued at \$25,000, made by Christian Gomes of Ford of Claremont to the Police Department.

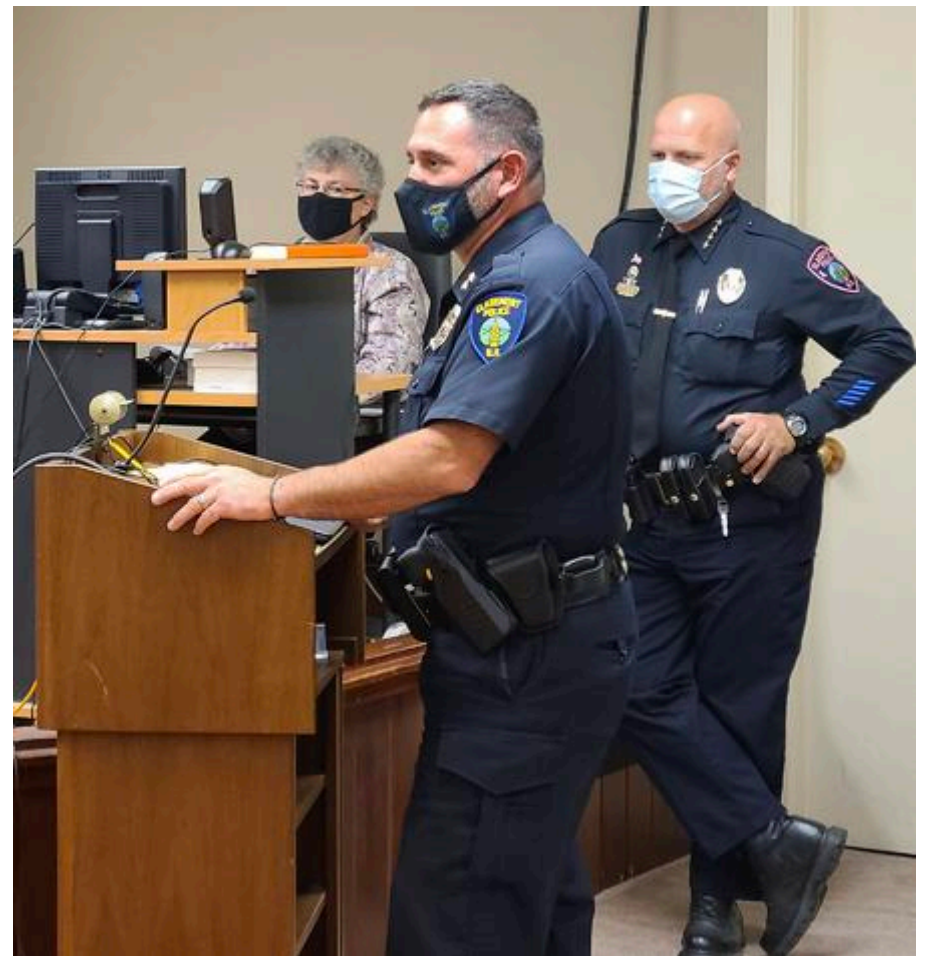
In his presentation to the councilors before the vote, police chief Mark Chase noted that this is Gomes's third donation to the department in the past few years. The previous two were a police SUV cruiser and an ATV. "This is a very generous gift and I'm very excited about it," said Chase.

Deputy police chief Mark Grasso, who had served in the motorcycle units of the Connecticut State Police and the Westport, CT, police department, enumerated the benefits of a motorcycle unit.

First and foremost, he noted, was the extra mobility utilized in the public safety-enforcement component of policing. Motorcycles are a valuable contribution to community relations. "You really can't attach a value" to having a more face-to-face interaction with residents, he said. The department could offer public education and motorcycle safety programs for the large number of motorcycle riders in and around Claremont.

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Deputy police chief Mark Grasso describes the practical and community policing-oriented benefits of a department's motorcycle unit (Eric Zengota photo).



## Claremont City Council Candidates Share Views, Priorities

By Phyllis A. Muzeroll  
e-Ticker News

*Editor's Note: We contacted City Council candidates and invited them to participate in an overview of this year's race. Due to the large number running (12), we are breaking this feature into two parts. The remaining*

*candidates will appear in Part 2. We thank those running for their time and help.*

### **Dale Girard, Running for Mayor (Unopposed)**

My first term on the City Council began January 2021 when I was appointed to fill the po-

sition which Abigail Kier vacated when she moved from Claremont. Prior to my applying to join the council, I had volunteered on the Airport Advisory Committee and the Claremont Planning Board.

I am running for Mayor because I feel that I can pull together the council to work as a  
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# Sunapee Announces New Town Manager

SUNAPEE, NH—On Monday, October 4, the Sunapee Board of Selectmen confirmed Shannon Martinez as the next Town Manager. She started October 14th, serving as Assistant Town Manager and will be taking over from long-serving Town Manager, Donna Nashawaty, on November 6th. “Sunapee is a wonderful town, and it is a great honor to be chosen as its Town Manager,” said Martinez. “There is much to love and admire about our town, including its loyal and steadfast employees, and I am proud to be joining them. I am looking forward to being part of the continued growth of our community.”

Martinez brings with her more than 18 years of experience in international development. She is a seasoned senior operations management professional, with extensive experience in field program operations within the

humanitarian assistance and conflict negotiations sector. She is “touted for commitment to community engagement, a passion for mentoring up-and-coming talent, and for building strong teams.”

“Ms. Martinez is a proven, inspiring visionary, and compassionate leader who is well prepared to embrace the challenges and opportunities today and ahead for Sunapee,” said Josh Trow, Board of Selectmen Chair.

Recruitment for the position placed a focus on finding a consensus builder who could partner with staff and the community to carry out the town’s strategic goals.

The Board of Selectmen brought three final candidates forward from the applicant pool after several rounds of screenings and interviews. Those three candidates participated in interviews with the Board of Selectmen, senior staff, and community members. Martinez was chosen as the final candidate.

She has made Sunapee her home, when not traveling, since 2006. She holds a BA in English and Communications from the University of Denver and an MA in Globalization Studies from Dartmouth College.

the Halloween tradition. The community will follow the Halloween "map" again this year. Just click on the link below which will take you to the police department’s webpage and select the Halloween 2021 Map from the list on the left on the page: <https://www.town.sunapee.nh.us/police-department>.

## Arrowhead Seeks Volunteers

CLAREMONT, NH—The season is fast approaching and Arrowhead has many needs for volunteers to keep the operation viable. We will need help with outside operations, kitchen help, and ski shop. Outside people are needed on the lifts, tube monitors and tube handlers (last two are not physical). Inside help is needed in concessions, cooking, ski shop and first-aid.

The site also needs ski and snowboard instructors.

If you or you know someone who can volunteer, please get in touch with us: FB message us, email [arrowhead@arrowheadnh.com](mailto:arrowhead@arrowheadnh.com) or call (603) 542-7016 and leave a message.

Work sessions will be held on Oct. 23 and 30, starting around 9:30 a.m.

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## Halloween 2021 and Candy Drive

SUNAPEE, NH—Sunapee’s Halloween celebration will be on Sunday, Oct. 31, from 3:00 until 5:30 p.m. on Central Street. But what is Halloween without candy? Please help support the Central Street homeowners by donating wrapped and/or packaged candy. All donations should be dropped off at the Sunapee Police Department.

Once again, Central Street will be closed to all vehicular traffic to provide a safe location for Sunapee’s Trick or Treaters and their families to enjoy

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*For more lottery numbers,*  
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## >>>>>>>>> How to Organize Your Financial Life

Managing your personal finances can sometimes seem like an overwhelming task. But you can start the process with a few easy steps that will help you take control of your finances and work toward a brighter financial future.

You can begin organizing your finances by laying out your priorities, tracking your spending, and determining your net worth. From there, you can start to make intelligent choices that can help you achieve your goals and improve your lifestyle.

### DECIDE YOUR FINANCIAL GOALS

You need to know what you hope to accomplish in order to get your financial life in order. What are your priorities? Is it saving for your child's education, your retirement, or perhaps your own home? The first goal should be to establish an emergency fund that can sustain you for several months if you lose your job. Write down clear goals and a timeline to achieve them.

spending? Use a simple spreadsheet to track and analyze how you spend your money.

### CREATE AND FOLLOW A BUDGET

Your budget reflects your financial priorities and applies them to your spending habits. With a realistic budget, you make conscious decisions on how to spend your money. You can use a budget worksheet to show your sources and expenditures of cash for the month, and to adjust your spending to achieve your objectives. Several personal financial apps are available that make budgeting and tracking very simple.

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### TRACK YOUR SPENDING

It's impossible to take control of your finances if you don't know how much you are spending each month. A good exercise is to carefully track all your spending for one month and find out where all the money goes. Do you spend a lot on fancy coffee drinks or lottery tickets? Are you meeting your goals for saving and

is your net worth. Think of it as a scorecard on how you're progressing toward your long-term financial goals. Calculate your net worth by imagining how much you'd have left over if you sold all your belongings and paid all your debts. You can use this number to inform your budget, refine your financial goals, and gain control of your financial life.

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# Commentary

## NH House Happenings

By Rep. John Cloutier

### The Issue of Redistricting

The often partisan issue of redrawing the lines for several federal, state, & county offices every 10 years came into focus in Claremont last week.

The focus was the result of a Community Input Session conducted by the New Hampshire House of Representatives' Special Committee on Redistricting, and held at the Claremont Savings Bank Community Room on South St. Oct. 13. The input session lasted less than one hour, with various Sullivan County citizens and legislators stating their views on how the redrawing of the lines, commonly known as "redistricting", should be done. Redistricting, which must be done as required under the New Hampshire Constitution's Part 2, Article 9, after the decennial federal census and before the next federal, state, and county elections, has been from my experience not only contentious, but very partisan. Both Democrats and Republicans have often sought in the past to implement redistricting plans that help their parties at the expense of the other party. I expect the redistricting now required after the last 2020 US Census will be no different with Republicans in control of both the House of Representatives and Senate as well as Governor's Office, but the Democrats with a strong minority of members in both legislative bodies.

Charlestown Rep. Steven Smith, who is the Special Redistricting Committee's Vice Chair as well as Deputy House Speaker, moderated the Input Session. This 15-member special committee created by House Speaker Sherman Packard consists of eight Republican and seven Democratic representatives, and has held several other input sessions in other New Hampshire counties over the past few weeks. In addition to the approximately eight representatives on the committee who were present for the Oct. 13 session, there were two state senators—Manchester's Donna Soucy, a Democrat, and Rochester's James Gray, a Republican, who were in attendance. Both senators are members of the Senate Election Law & Municipal Affairs Committee, which I expect will play a key role with redistricting measures next year. House Redistricting Committee Chair is Goffstown Rep. Barbara Griffin, who wasn't in attendance Oct. 13.

I counted a total of seven Sullivan County citizens who spoke at the Oct. 13 Session. They included three concerned voters—Unity's Ben Mortell, Grantham's Ellis Robinson, and Claremont's Kyle Messier. All three declared their desire for an open redistricting process for Sullivan County as well as the rest of our state. They also expressed a desire for an equitable redistricting plan that isn't deliberately skewed to the partisan benefit of either Democrats or Republicans. Additionally, four members of the New Hampshire House's Sullivan County Delegation also spoke—including Sunapee Reps. Linda Tanner as well as



Suzanne Gottling, Grantham Rep. Brian Sullivan, and myself. A fifth Delegation member, Claremont Rep. Walter Stapleton, chose not to speak, saying he just wanted to listen.

More specifically, Ms. Ellis and Rep. Sullivan urged the committee to consider devising redistricting plans that created smaller House districts, including at least one solely for Grantham, the population of which is 3,404 according to 2020 U.S. Census figures. Rep. Gottling also urged one smaller House district solely for Sunapee, which has a population of 3,242 according to the same 2020 Census. At present, Rep. Sullivan is a two-member House district that not only includes Grantham, but Cornish, Plainfield, and Springfield, while Rep. Gottling is in a single-member district, including not only Sunapee but Croydon as well. Rep. Tanner, who currently has a large district of not only Sunapee, but also seven other Sullivan County towns, urged the committee to eliminate large "floterial" House districts like hers in favor of smaller compact districts.

Based on math alone, Ms. Ellis as well as Reps. Sullivan and Gottling have a strong case for creating separate single-member districts for Grantham and Sunapee, respectively. This is because according to the same 2020 Census, New Hampshire now has a total population of 1,377,529. Next, if you divide this total 1,377,529 figure by the 400 representative seats that the New Hampshire House now has, then each single-member district would contain an ideal population of approximately 3,444 residents per district. Realistically, such ideal House districts would be hard to create given that they have to stay within county lines because representatives are also part of their respective county governments as well as state government. Furthermore, while city wards such as Claremont's three wards can also serve as House districts, large towns such as Salem, whose total population is larger than Claremont's, cannot be broken up into smaller districts without the approval of their voters under the New Hampshire Constitution's Part 2, Article 9.

I urged the Redistricting Committee to use a fair and non-partisan process in redrawing not only Sullivan County's 13 House districts, but also the districts for other affected offices as well. These include our state's two Congressional Districts, county commissioner districts for each of the 10 counties as well as New Hampshire Senate and Executive Council districts. I added that in my opinion there should not be a repeat of the 2012 Redistricting Plan, where some of the most blatant examples of partisan "gerrymandering" occurred as evidenced by the unusually drawn Senate and Executive Council districts.

As for Claremont and the redistricting of House seats, we must take into account a few key factors. The 2020 Census indicates that Claremont now has a total population of 12,949, a drop of 406 residents from the 2010 Census. Based on the ideal number of 3,444 residents per each House district, then Claremont is clearly entitled to at least three representatives. But it currently falls short by 827 residents of getting a fourth representative based on the same ideal number. Yes, it is still possible for the city to retain four representatives under the new redistricting plan because deviations from municipalities' ideal

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## The Need for Young Leaders

### To The Editor:

With municipal elections coming up fast, we as Claremont voters are faced with the important task of building our next City Council. This year, we have two new fantastic candidates on the ballot for At-Large council seats in Matt Mooshian and Lucas "Rocky" Beliveau. Not only are both Mooshian and Beliveau passionate about moving Claremont forward, they are both experienced young professionals who will bring a new level of energy to the council that will be beneficial in creating new opportunities for our city. Being younger than other candidates, they possess a level of optimism about Claremont that is desperately needed in order for these new opportunities to come to fruition. If elected to the council, these candidates will focus their energy on bringing new business to Claremont, expanding housing, increasing support and services for seniors, addressing property taxes, and increasing childcare options for working families. They both value respect for others, the need for inclusive and environmentally-friendly policies, and social and economic justice.

In particular, Mooshian supports the creation of an art & culture commission to support economic development downtown, will prioritize developing workforce and affordable housing, wants to encourage property owners to invest in their Claremont properties in order to raise their value, and will promote transparency, ease of access to information, and the modernization of municipal communications. A Claremont business owner, Beliveau is focused on economic development and the encouragement of businesses to come to Claremont by making Claremont more business friendly overall.

I encourage you to make time to vote on Tuesday, November 2nd for these two great candidates!

**Joshua Lambert, Claremont, NH**

## Agrees with Vote Rejecting \$27M for COVID Vaccine Programs

### To The Editor:

I would like to thank the Executive Council members for their vote to protect NH sovereignty.

By rejecting federal money (and the unconstitutional strings attached to it) they demonstrated the meaning of the NH advantage inherent in the construction of our government.

Special mention is also due Sullivan County and Claremont's councilor, Joe Kenney.

The Executive Council served its proper function in restoring constitutional order, checking and balancing the governors overreach. It did so under severe lobbying by that selfsame governor.

The price of freedom is eternal vigilance... and \$27 million. Peanuts in DC, where \$3.5 trillion has zero cost, and is therefore worthless. Easy when you own the Treasury and print the money. I do not expect to live long enough to see constitutional government in DC.

But I saw it today in NH and I am proud to get a glimpse of what makes this state special.

Thank you, Councilor Joe Kenney. Thank you, Councilor David Wheeler. Thank you, Councilor Ted Gatsas. Thank you, Councilor Janet Stevens.

**Tom Luther, Claremont, NH**

## We Can Do Better When It Comes to Our COVID Response

### To the Editor:

On Friday, 10/15/2021, Claremont has a fully vaccinated rate of 44.70% and a total of 119 cases of COVID-19 (up from 40 a few weeks ago). Recent campaign literature and political advertising around the city has stated that we do not need mask mandates or vaccine mandates. This thinking is dangerous to our public health and getting back to normal. Ignoring CDC recommendations is killing people everyday and is preventing the country, the state and Claremont from getting back to pre-COVID normals. Please, wear a mask, get vaccinated and social distance. We can do better.

**Jim Contois, Claremont, NH**

### Rep. Cloutier, from page 4

population figures are sometimes allowed. But it is also possible that Claremont or even one of its three wards would have to be combined with at least one other Sullivan County municipality to get a fourth seat. Mostly likely it would be a small town of no more than 2,000 residents that borders Claremont such as Cornish, Croydon, or Unity. This situation has actually happened at least once from my legislative experience as a result of the court-ordered 2002 Redistricting Plan implemented after the 2000 Census. In this case, Claremont got five House seats, which it shared with the Towns of Lempster and Unity.

In conclusion, I am pleased the House Special Redistricting Committee held a Community Input Session in Claremont. Nevertheless, I hope Rep. Smith and the rest of the committee will return to Claremont, or another Sullivan County municipality, for more citizen input once they devise specific redistricting plans for county's 13 House seats as well as the other listed offices, but before members actually vote on these specific plans.

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## Tips Sought in Vandalism Case at Saint-Gaudens



**Image of the front elevation of the Temple at Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park, October 1, showing evidence of vandalism. (NPS photo).**

CORNISH, NH—National Park Service law enforcement rangers and New Hampshire State Police are seeking tips regarding recent vandalism at Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park. Investigators are looking for additional information from anyone who may have observed activity leading to the vandalism.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call 1-888-653-0009. Anonymous tips can be emailed to [nps\\_isb@nps.gov](mailto:nps_isb@nps.gov) or sent by text message or voicemail to 1-888-653-0009.

The damage, reported the morning of October 1 by park staff, includes the defacement of the park's Temple funerary monument, where the family of Augustus Saint-Gaudens is interred. The monument was tagged with paint and anti-Semitic language and symbols.

"We were heartbroken to discover this act of vandalism to the Temple monument and grave of the Saint-Gaudens family and we condemn both the act and the language used," said Su-

perintendent Rick Kendall. "We are already working with National Park Service conservators to carefully restore the monument."

National Park Service museum conservators arrived on site October 4 to begin treatment of the site. They were expected to complete the restoration by October 15.

The Temple was originally constructed in plaster in 1905 for a pageant celebrating Augustus Saint-Gaudens' 20-year anniversary in Cornish, New Hampshire. Following Saint-Gaudens' death in 1907, his wife, Augusta, commissioned a replica of the Temple in marble. The temple is the final resting place of Saint-Gaudens and his family and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

### Take-Out Harvest Festival Supper at Union Church

A tradition for over 60 years, the Harvest Festival Supper at Union Church takes place this year, on Saturday, October 23. Enjoy homemade Norwegian meatballs from a secret recipe, and homemade pies, served with homemade mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, winter squash, and coleslaw. Due to the ongoing

pandemic, this will be a take-out meal with advanced reservations and payment required. Both individual and family meals will be offered, through curbside take-out. Please reserve your meal asap, by Monday October 18th. There will be limited meals available after that date (generally our take out meals have sold out by Saturday afternoon), but you're welcome to contact the church to see if there's still food available to reserve.

Choice of pies (to ensure you get your choice you must reserve by October 18th): Pumpkin, Apple, Chocolate, Butterscotch, Lemon Meringue, Surprise!

Individual meal(s): \$15.00/per person  
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## NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – October 15, 2021

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Friday, October 15, 2021, DHHS announced 588 new positive test results for COVID-19 for Thursday, October 14. Those results included 401 people who tested positive by PCR test and 187 who tested positive by antigen test. DHHS also announced an additional 22 new cases from Saturday, October 9 (8 by PCR and 14 by antigen test) for a new total of 632; an additional 10 new cases from Sunday, October 10 (7 by PCR and 3 by antigen test) for a new total of 264; an additional 25 new cases from Tuesday, October 12 (4 by PCR and 21 by antigen test) for a new total of 546; and an additional 21 new cases from Wednesday, October 13 (10 by PCR and 11 by antigen test) for a new total of 641. Test results for previous days are still being processed and updated case counts for prior days will be re-

flected on the COVID-19 interactive dashboard. There are now 4,655 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire.

Of those with complete information, there are two hundred and nine individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 53% being female and 47% being male. The new cases resided in Rockingham (104), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (88), Strafford (78), Merrimack (71), Belknap (48), Coos (40), Sullivan (35), Cheshire (34), Grafton (23), and Carroll (22) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (60) and Nashua (27). The county of residence is being determined for thirty-six new cases.

DHHS also announced four additional deaths related to COVID-19.

There were currently 140 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19.

**As of Friday, the 15th, there were 119 current positively identified cases in Claremont, 48 in Charlestown, 55 in Newport, 8 in Acworth, 5 in Lempster, 7 in Cornish, 9 in Grantham, 6 in Croydon, 6 in Goshen, 25 in Sunapee and 1-4 cases in other towns. DHHS reported 295 currently positively identified cases in Sullivan County, up from 261 the previous week.**

211NH has been mobilized to handle all COVID-19 related calls from New Hampshire residents. All residents with questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 can call 2-1-1.

### Vaccine Information in NH

For vaccine information, please visit <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/resources/vaccine-information>.

## Sununu Issues Statement Following EC Vote Rejecting Federal COVID Funding

CONCORD NH – On Wednesday, Governor Chris Sununu issued the following statement after the Executive Council voted to reject Federal COVID-19 grant funding:

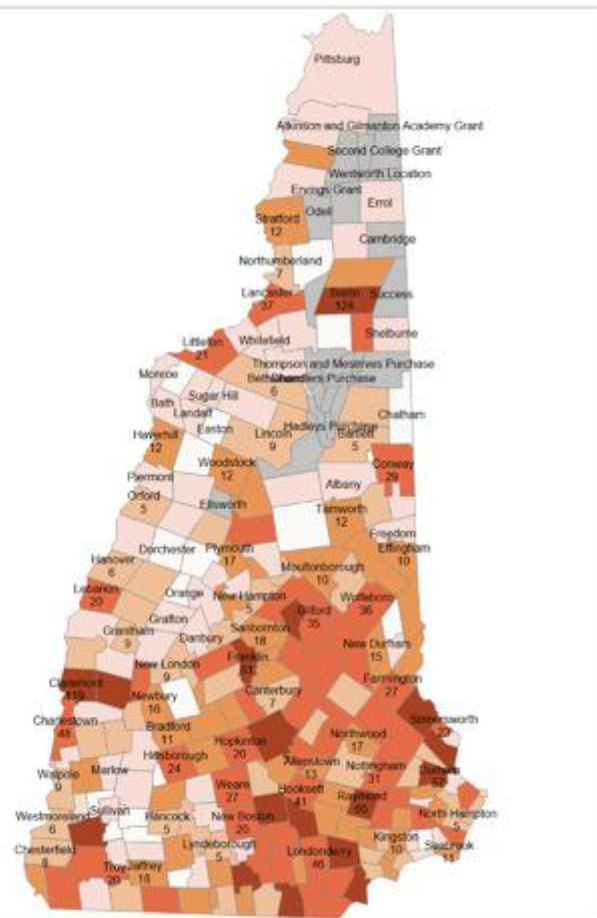
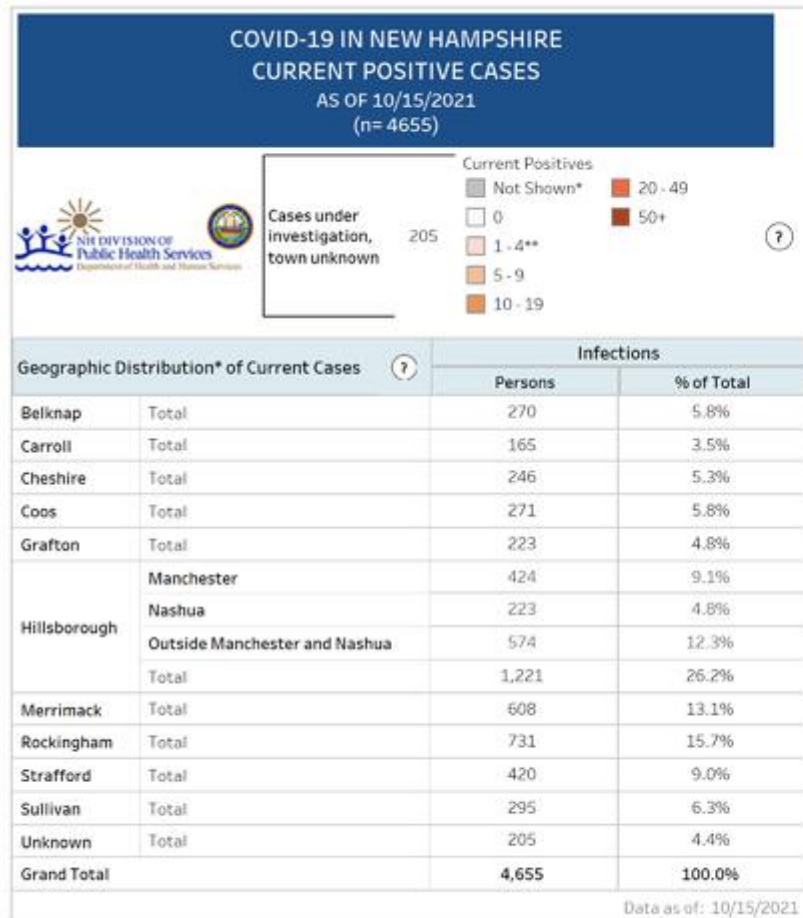
“The people of New Hampshire know I call the balls and strikes as I see them, and today’s vote by members of my own party on the Executive Council was a total disservice to the constituents we serve,” said Sununu. “The Attorney General and Department of Health and Human Services addressed all of the Councilors’ concerns, and still they voted to send \$27 million of our taxpayer dollars back to Washington instead of spending it here to help get our state out of this pandemic. The vote showed a reckless disregard for the lives we are losing while they turn away the tools our state needs to fight and win this battle against COVID.”

The vote to reject the funding was along party lines, 4-1, with Republican councilors questioning language attached to the funds that they said they believed could force the state to comply with federal vaccine mandates. The governor disagreed, saying that the council had already accepted other grants earlier this year with the same language included.

Wednesday’s vote makes New Hampshire the only state in the country to reject these federal funds. Public health officials said rejecting the funding would impede boosting the state’s vaccination efforts.

The fully-vaccinated rate for Sullivan County is 56.5% (24,379 fully vaccinated) as of Oct. 14.

## COVID-19 Hotline



**Motorcycle, from page 1**

Grasso stressed that the department has been “fighting a battle to recruit new people and even to find qualified applicants.” And the retention crisis is another challenge. But as he pointed out, motorcycle, K-9 and HRV (heart rate variability) units are “tools and career paths that become attractive” and keep officers from going to another agency.

Chase responded to several questions from the councilors.

The motorcycle would not be a seasonal vehicle, but be used all year long, weather and safe-driving conditions permitting. In the worst weather, an officer would use a cruiser instead of the motorcycle.

Although he could not estimate the maintenance costs in the motorcycle’s first year (for routine items like oil changes and tires), Chase feels they would be no more than that for a cruiser. In addition, he pointed out, an officer patrolling on a motorcycle means that a vehicle is taken off the street, decreasing its mileage and maintenance needs. “Maintenance costs,” he said, “would be absorbed into the normal operating budget.”

Chase elaborated on the savings derived from having in-house training. At present, the New Hampshire police academy does not offer motorcycle training, and the closest training sites are in Connecticut and New Jersey. Grasso, a certified operator-instructor, would train Claremont officers, eliminating travel expenses. “Logistics are being worked out,” said Chase, to find a large area for the class; the Claremont municipal airport is one possibility.

Claremont could also develop into a regional training center. “We may have a unique market here because of deputy chief Grasso,” Chase remarked. Providing training for other police departments would be a revenue source for the City. “That’s a long-range possibility, not a promise,” he added. “We may serve a niche in New Hampshire, and of course we’d have to partner with a certifying agency.”

Chase noted that Gomes has already bought the bike. Chase has provided designs for the lettering, which would be done locally. And Whelen Engineering Co. has offered lighting packages for the department to field-test.

Chase concluded his presentation by telling the Council, “The bike would come ready to go — if we’re ready to go.”

The Council was ready to go, and unanimously accepted the donation.

There will be a formal unveiling of the Harley-

Davidson in the near future.

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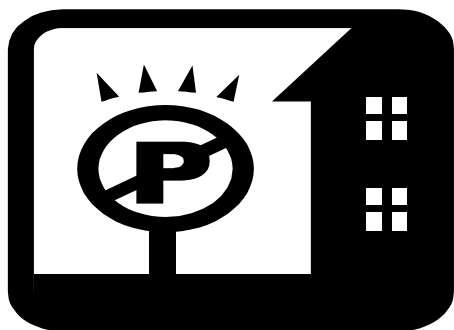


## Final Drive-In Movie Has Lots of Laughs...

Elyse Crossman sold snacks from the Chamber pop-up. Courtney Porter called out the car-side bingo numbers. And Justin Martin introduced last Friday evening's movie, "The Croods — A New Age," while acknowledging its sponsor, Love's Bedding and Furniture. The film was the last in this year's drive-in series, held at the Grace River parking lot on Maple Avenue in Claremont. The series was a collaboration between the Claremont Parks and Recreation Department and the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce. All of the movies were family-friendly with free admission. The series is expected to have a 2022 season. Titles are already under consideration (Eric Zengota photo).

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Jeremy Clay  
Assistant Director of Public Works

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cohesive group. This will help us to stay focused and work to accomplish common goals to lead the city into a positive direction.

Since joining the Council I have spent a great deal of time researching what past councils have done by reading the minutes which are available on the city website. This will help to not duplicate efforts which have been tried in the past.

The council receives invitations to community events. (Open house, tree plantings, dedications, etc.) I have tried to be at most of these events because it is important someone represents the council.

We have been fortunate for the past several years that Mayor Lovett has traveled to Concord when an item has been important to the city. I have the time to be able to be an advocate for the city. I will continue to be sure that our concerns are being heard in Concord whether through our Representatives, State Senator or traveling myself to be sure the Council's voice is heard.

The City Council and Administration need to be transparent. Many times, questions are being asked by council members in between meetings. The answers are shared with the council, but the public is not aware of the dialog. Going forward, this information needs to be shared at the public meetings. The City staff has taken the time to prepare the answers and it is important the public is aware of the dialog.

If elected, I plan to work with Mayor Lovett and Manager Morris over the next 2 months to understand what has occurred during their tenure.

My top priority for the new council is to continue to work on our infrastructure. These projects include water, sewer, paving, recreation projects and building maintenance. We have many assets that over the years have not been able to be maintained due to budget concerns. The administration has worked hard to apply for grants to help fund some of the projects. We need to provide a plan before our city buildings fall into disrepair which will become much more costly to repair.

The council needs to come up with a plan on the use of the ARPA funds. This can be a very delicate balance, but we need to look at priorities, confirming the projects meet the qualifications of the grant. I'm hopeful the manager can work with the school district if there are projects that would benefit both the city and

school. This would allow us to leverage the funds.

We need to continue working on blight as well as come up with a plan for additional housing needs. The ARPA funds may give us the ability to address these concerns moving forward without the expense being on the taxpayers.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss my thoughts moving forward. I hope everyone can get out and vote on November 2.

### **Debora Matteau, Running for Asst. Mayor (Unopposed)**

My first term on the city council began in January 2020, right before Covid hit. I decided to run for Asst. Mayor because the current Asst. Mayor announced his retirement. The Mayor and Assistant Mayor positions are basically just another city councilor seat, with the exception of running meetings and ceremonial. I have experience running meetings, and was glad to see Councilor Girard step up for mayor. I feel we will work well together.

Three major areas I feel need addressing are tax rate stabilization; infrastructure improvements (paving) and housing (including blight remediation). Currently, this area has a zero percent vacancy rate. We cannot attract new jobs, or even maintain existing jobs, when people can't find a place to live. That's where we are right now. The city administration needs to take a very pro-active, aggressive approach to bringing forward solutions to this dilemma. I've brought forward an idea that should be vetted. Examine the inventory of currently un-used housing units, and develop programs that will encourage home ownership for multi-family buildings, by perhaps guaranteeing mortgages, assisting with down-payments, etc., perhaps through grants or revolving loan programs, etc. It's been done in other communities successfully. This would help put back pride in neighborhoods that are currently blighted. This is just one idea. But the city administration needs to aggressively address the housing situation. Without progress there, we cannot go forward with economic development...it's a critical piece.

We also need to improve the appearance of our streets and roads, both paving, and enforcement of codes regulating outside areas of neighborhoods. Trash scattered over front lawns on heavily traveled corridors in our city does not spell "welcome to our city". It's a turn

off.

If we address these two areas, and look carefully at every penny spent, with a good city administration, I feel we can stabilize the tax rate. I look forward to serving the city over the next two years. I am always open to citizen input. I do truly love Claremont...it is home.

### **Jim Contois, Running for Ward II (Unopposed)**

I am running for my second term as Councilor for Ward II in Claremont.

I began serving on the council in January 2020.

I am seeking a second term for many reasons. First, I find the job incredibly interesting and it challenges me to become a more knowledgeable person regarding the city everyday. Secondly, I want to serve the people of Claremont. I like to help people. The operation of the city is complex and the eyes, ears and abilities of the 9 councilors help the city manager to operate the city. I enjoy being an advocate for the city, the employees, fair pay and fair treatment of our employees.

The city council established priorities in February of 2021. These include: housing, economic development, infrastructure and tax rate stabilization. I voted for these priorities and I support them. With regard to housing, we want to work on lead remediation, improve housing availability and address blight. The second goal is economic development: a focus on downtown, the use of city owned property, development of arts and recreation and energy programs. The third priority is infrastructure. The city needs to continue to improve roads, protect our water and maintain our sewer system. We also need to improve our sidewalks. The final priority is tax rate stabilization. This is a difficult task when the state continues to back away from their responsibilities in revenue sharing. With less and less state support how do we keep taxes level without reducing city services or layoffs. This is a struggle and requires constant search for grants and funding opportunities. And finally, I support and will work for a \$15 minimum wage for the lowest grade city employees. I will continue to search for and work for sustainable energy policies such as weatherization and electrification of our city fleet of cars and trucks. Finally, I am an advocate for social, racial and environmental justice. An old adage states that "all politics is local" and I will continue my fight for justice

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at all levels of government.

I am excited for Claremont. We have the Pleasant Street redevelopment and the new apartments coming to Water Street. There are many positive initiatives happening in the city and I want to continue advocating for positive change.

I would also hope that through this pandemic and public health crisis that we can heal the wounds of division and focus on the common good.

### **Jonathan Stone, Running for Ward III (Unopposed)**

I have served two conservative terms after being elected in 2017.

I am seeking re-election on the council to continue serving, advocating for the taxpayers of Claremont and continue moving Claremont forward in the right direction. Property owners and businesses owners I have spoken with are very concerned with our high taxes, road conditions, and housing.

I am optimistic as a new council we will be focusing more on fiscal responsibility, infrastructure, supporting business development and, of course, the right type of housing development the city desperately needs. I will be advocating more funds to be added to road maintenance while not increasing the tax burden for property owners. One of the areas I would like to focus on if elected is reevaluating city service to see if we could do better at cost savings without sacrificing the same level of service.

### **Michael Demars, Running for At-Large Seat (Incumbent)**

I filled the seat that Erica Sweetser vacated earlier this year; I am running to keep that seat.

I'm running because I'm at the point in my career and life when I can finally make the time to do this correctly. In the past I watched some of the stuff that was happening and shook my head in frustration, but I had a full plate with my business and little kids at home and running a couple marathons a year. Today I have a management team at work and my kids are in high school. So I have a chance to roll up my sleeves and try to elevate the conversations to hopefully play a role in moving Claremont forward.

Being in business for 35 years, I have a lot of experience adapting to change. I've been working with employees and with customers and growing the company strategically through many challenges. This has taught me how small costs and inefficiencies can drag an organization down. And it's taught me that status quo isn't good enough. In addition to career experience, I've traveled extensively to see what prosperous towns and cities in other states and in other countries are doing that we could learn from. My goal is to work on making Claremont the kind of place that attracts working families and positive attitudes because it offers a good value. People should see this as a place to raise families where good jobs are available and there is fun stuff to do after work and on the weekends. We have a lot to offer but we need to polish our recreational assets and we need to control our costs to keep our taxes down. I also think we need to look at some of our zoning and codes to determine what is needed vs. what is just preventing progress and driving up our costs. I read a book recently that a constituent handed me, called "Strong Towns: A Bottom-Up Revolution to Rebuild American Prosperity", and I think it makes some solid arguments for thinking out of the box. What we have been doing isn't working well and maybe we should look at that. It's interesting after reading this book I've evolved my thinking in favor of some of the housing projects I opposed recently. I also can see how flexibility with our current zoning and building codes would positively impact our housing issue. This will be a conversation I hope to champion if I'm elected. Six months on the Council and I feel like I am learning and adapting.

One thing I have learned in business is that most problems are not unique. We should be open to taking things that have worked in other places and bolting them on here vs. doing it the same way and expecting a different outcome. We need to welcome the kind of conversations that break the status quo and free us from decades of economic difficulties and the negative thinking that seems to thrive in that kind of environment.

I also want to go on record being against divisive local Covid mandates. I'm not in favor of taking the approach we have seen in towns like Lebanon where mask mandates are being forced on citizens and visitors and the police are being put into the position of having to waste resources enforcing that stuff. I don't

think that's Claremont and would vote against that kind of thing if it comes up. If people want to mask up and that makes them feel safer then I applaud them, but I don't think we should be forcing it on anyone. Businesses can also make their own rules and customers can decide what to do with that. My hope is that we can set aside our differences of opinion on this stuff and focus on the important work that will effect our economic circumstances here in Claremont. We have a beautiful landscape, hard working people and a lot of New England charm.

Claremont is a great place to live and I want to help make it better in the years ahead. I have the experience, time and the focus needed to do the job.

### **Raymond Hughes III – Running for At Large Seat**

I am running for city council because I grew up in Claremont (Stevens Class 2001). I recently moved back in 2019 to raise my kids. I have a vested interest in our local government to operate in an efficient, transparent and cost-effective manner.

I have a Bachelor's of Science in International Affairs, an MBA in Corporate Finance, a Master's of Science in Management and Organization and bring leadership experience as an Infantry Officer in the United States Marine Corps, previous small business owner and a 3rd party bank representative for construction monitoring.

Here are two recommendations from Marines that I served with:

*2nd Battalion 24th Marines was activated in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2008; Raymond Hughes served as my Platoon Commander during this deployment. Captain Hughes was knowledgeable, approachable and extremely effective in this role. He provided clear orders and direction while also fostering an environment of innovation and creativity among his Marines. Captain Hughes was always available, took care of his men and led by example. I would eagerly serve under Captain Hughes again and I would highly recommend Raymond Hughes for any position for which he would be interested.*

*Ray was senior to me when I first joined the Marine Corps and he made a huge impression right away. I immediately saw that Ray was someone that I wanted to learn from. He is very good with people and was highly popular*

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with his subordinates. Ray has a well-developed ability as a peacemaker and often brought together opposing teams, helping them cooperate.

My priorities for the new city council would be for the elected representatives and the city officials to communicate more effectively while working as team to find additional revenue sources in order to keep the property tax down. The primary issues I see facing this city are the roads and infrastructure and an imbalance between fair market housing and subsidized, low-income housing. These issues will remain if we don't come together to strategize new ways to increase funding without constantly re-appraising and raising property taxes on the people who live here.

We need to figure out a way to leverage the multinational corporations in this city that extract hundreds of millions of dollars from the area. Walmart, Home Depot and the publicly traded pharmacies in this city should give more back than just low wage jobs. Why can't these businesses chip in to help the community that funds their profits? We could also halt property tax breaks to private business that already receive state and federal tax subsidies to house the low-income population. The government allows these private property management groups to profit off of the low-income community. However, in order to care for these members of our community, we are left with a high-cost, low ranking school district and a thinly-stretched police department. Rather than handing out government benefits and tax breaks to property management ownership groups, we need to invest in our community.

I also believe that as a city we should be prepared for the day New Hampshire inevitably legalizes recreational cannabis so Claremont can be in position to capitalize early. I lived in communities in Colorado and California when recreational cannabis was legalized, and the benefits far outweighed the negatives. I would like to see the cannabis industry controlled locally so it doesn't become another industry that takes more from our community than it gives back.

The remaining candidates will be featured next week in Part 2.

Fright Night at Silsby Free Library

Join us at the Silsby Free Library in Charlestown for "Fright Night" bone-chilling tales with storyteller Simon Brooks. Monday, October 25, at 7:00 PM. For adults and teens ages 16 and up. A Zoom link will be available on the Silsby Library Facebook page.

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# Business News

## 10-Digit Dialing Goes into Effect Oct. 24

To ensure that calls to 988 reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, all covered providers will be required to implement 10-digit dialing in areas that both use seven-digit dialing and use 988 as the first three numbers in seven-digit phone numbers.

The timeline for Transition to 10-Digit Dialing began in April to help phone users become accustomed to 10-digit dialing.

Beginning October 24, 2021, consumers must dial 10-digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. On and after this date, local calls dialed with only 7 digits may not be completed, and a recording will inform you that your call cannot be completed as dialed. Consumers must hang up and dial again using the area code and the 7-digit number. This includes NH and VT as well as a number of other states and area codes.

On July 16, 2020, the FCC adopted an Order (FCC 20-100) approving 988 as the 3-digit abbreviated dialing code to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, starting July 16, 2022. Customers must continue to dial 1-800-273-TALK (8255) to reach the Lifeline until July 16, 2022. The Order requires all telecommunications carriers, interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers, and one-way VoIP providers (covered providers) to make any network changes necessary to ensure that users can dial 988 to reach the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by July 16, 2022. For 988 to work in the New Hampshire and Vermont area codes, 10-digit local dialing must first be implemented.

Beginning July 16, 2022, dialing “988” will route calls to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

## Bianchi Named as New COO of Mt. Ascutney Hospital

WINDSOR, VT – Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) has announced that Hannah Bianchi has been named as the new

Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Hospital. Bianchi had served as MAHHC’s Director of Provider Practices since 2017. The announcement follows the retirement of Paul Calandrella, who had been the Hospital’s COO since 2012. As COO, Bianchi is responsible for overseeing daily Hospital operations and HR decisions, and for managing the administration of various departments and the entire Hospital.

Bianchi joined MAHHC in January of 2012 following a decade as Manager at Associated in Surgery in Claremont, NH. She began at MAHHC as Specialties Practice Manager, then moved into the role of Primary Care Practice Manager before being promoted to Director of Provider Practices in 2017. Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, Bianchi took on significant operational leadership in multiple areas of the Hospital and directed much of the response to the crisis. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and will complete her Master’s degree in Healthcare Administration from Southern New Hampshire University in December, 2021. Active in her community, she was recently elected to the New London, New Hampshire Budget Committee.

Dr. Joseph Perras, CEO and Chief Medical Officer, said “Hannah brings excellent administrative leadership skills and an ability to work across disciplines to ex-



Hannah Bianchi

ecute on strategic goals. While we will all miss Paul Calandrella, and wish him the best in his well-earned retirement with gratitude for his many accomplishments, I am excited to work with Hannah in her new role, and I hope you will join me in congratulating her as she joins the MAHHC senior leadership team.”

Bianchi is a resident of New London, NH, where she lives with her husband, Pete, two children, and Weimardoodle puppy, Fritz.

## Coldwell Banker Announces \$5M in Sales by Whipple

CLAREMONT, NH— Coldwell Banker Homes Unlimited announced that agent Brian Whipple has hit \$5 million in sales as of September 2021.

Whipple has expertise in both commercial and residential properties. “That is a lot of work to hit that level. It only comes with total dedication and commitment. The team at Coldwell Banker Homes Unlimited would like to say Congratulations, Brian, and thank you for your continuous due diligence,” said the office.



Brian Whipple

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## Short-Term Investments Offer Liquidity – And More

Generally speaking, investing is a long-term process. You invest in your IRA and 401(k) to reach a long-term goal – retirement. You may invest in a 529 education savings plan for many years to reach another long-term goal – college for your children. But is there also a place in your portfolio for shorter-term investments?

In a word, yes. You have three good reasons for owning short-term investments: liquidity, diversification and protection of longer-term investments. Let's look at all three:

- **Liquidity** – For many people, the COVID-19 pandemic brought home the need to have ready access to cash, and short-term investment vehicles are typically liquid. Still, some are more liquid than others, and you'll want to know the differences right from the start.

Probably the most liquid vehicle you could have isn't an investment at all, but rather a simple savings or checking account. But you likely could earn much more interest from a high-yield online savings account without sacrificing much, if any, liquidity. Money market accounts are also highly liquid, but they may carry minimum balance requirements.

Other short-term investments may be less liquid, but that may not be a major concern if you don't need the money immediately. For example, you could purchase a type of mutual fund known as an ultra short-term bond fund that invests in longer-term bonds due to mature in less than a year, so you could receive the benefit of the higher interest rates typically provided by these bonds. You could choose to partially or entirely liquidate your bond fund at any time, but it may take several days for the sale to go through, since the shares in the fund need to be sold. You could also invest in a three-month certificate of deposit (CD), but if you cash it out early, you'll lose some of the interest payments.

- **Diversification** – If your portfolio consists largely of stocks and stock-based ETFs and mutual funds, you could take a hit, at least temporarily, during periods of market downturns, which are a normal part of the investment world. But a diversified portfolio, containing both long- and short-term investments, may hold up better during periods of market volatility. That's because the short-term vehicles we've looked at are typically going to be far less affected by market movements, if they're affected at all. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification by itself can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.)

- **Protection of longer-term investments** – If you were to face an unexpected expense, such as the need for a major home or car repair, how would you pay for it? Without any liquid reserves, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments, such as your 401(k) and IRA. But by doing so, you could incur taxes and penalties – and, perhaps even more important, you'd be removing resources from accounts designed to help you achieve a comfortable retirement. With enough short-term investments in place, though, you can avoid touching these long-term accounts.

As you can see, you can benefit significantly by adding some short-term investment vehicles to your portfolio. They could make a big difference in your ability to meet your financial goals.

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# Free Testing for COVID-19 in Claremont

*Drive-Up Site at RVCC to Be Open Through 2021*

By Eric Zengota  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—The State of New Hampshire has set up a COVID-19 testing site in Claremont that offers free tests. The pop-up is in the rear parking lot of River Valley Community College. This site, as well as three others in Manchester, Nashua and Newington, are funded by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and run by ClearChoiceMD.

According to an information sheet passed out at the site, the PCR testing is for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. “PCR tests (also known as molecular tests) detect genetic material from the virus and are known to be highly accurate.”

The sheet goes on to state that testing is available to patients of all ages, symptomatic or asymptomatic, and to New Hampshire residents “and tourists alike — U.S. citizenship status required.”

Individuals should bring along a photo I.D., and provide a phone number and active email address when registering. Test results, avail-



**A steady stream of vehicles passed through the RVCC parking lot on Friday, Oct. 15. Several hundred people showed up for testing during the first week (Eric Zengota photo).**

able within 48 hours of a visit, are sent to the email address.

Individuals who receive a positive test result should reach out to their healthcare provider for guidance on next steps.

What: free COVID-19 testing site

Where: River Valley Community College rear parking lot

When: 9am-3pm, 7 days a week, through Dec. 31.

Learn more about testing and what results mean at ClearChoiceMD's site: [ccmdcenters.com/state-of-nh-covid-19-testing](https://ccmdcenters.com/state-of-nh-covid-19-testing)

## Benefit for a Bright Future: Building A Home for the Arts In Claremont

CLAREMONT, NH—On October 30th, at 3pm, the West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts (WCCMA) will present a special concert featuring pianist, Sally Pinkas, and clarinetist Jan Halloran. This fundraiser event supports the construction and realization of West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts' new, permanent home, in downtown Claremont. The concert itself takes place in the parish hall, at Union Episcopal Church, 133 Old Church Road, Claremont.

There are a very limited number of seats available in the concert hall, itself (for folks who are vaccinated, and masked). Online viewing passes are also available. Tickets are \$110/per person, for in-hall seating, and \$40/per person, for online viewing access, to support the arts center. Tickets are available through <https://fallbenefit2021.eventbrite.com>. All funds raised from this event (and all events supporting the WCCMA Homecoming Capital Campaign) will be matched at 50% by the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation.

Praised for her “soulful intensity,” and renowned for her versatility, Halloran appears in an array of concert venues throughout New England. Following her London debut at Wigmore Hall, Israeli-born Pinkas has garnered universal acclaim as soloist and chamber musician.

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## Sculptor’s ‘Swimmer’ Installed at CSBCC

**By Eric Zengota**  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Ernest Montenegro’s “Swimmer” — which has been doing the crawl in a glass case in the Claremont Savings Bank Community Center since the summer — was formally installed last week at a reception honoring the sculptor.

Mark Brislin, Claremont’s parks and recreation director, said that he was glad to have Montenegro’s second work of public art on City property. (The first is the massive construction, “our hands then and now,” on the Visitor Center Green.) “This ‘Swimmer’ is a perfect fit for the center’s dedication to fitness, health and exercise,” Brislin said.

“Swimmer” is a 7-foot long, 200-lb. statue of black mesh screen over an armature “skeleton.” Montenegro created it during his two-and-a-half month residency at Claremont MakerSpace. The residency was funded by a \$5,000 donation from the Cumberland Farms Corporation. As Montenegro always intended “Swimmer” to be given to the City, the City Council had to accept the donation and the statue, which they did by unanimous vote in April.

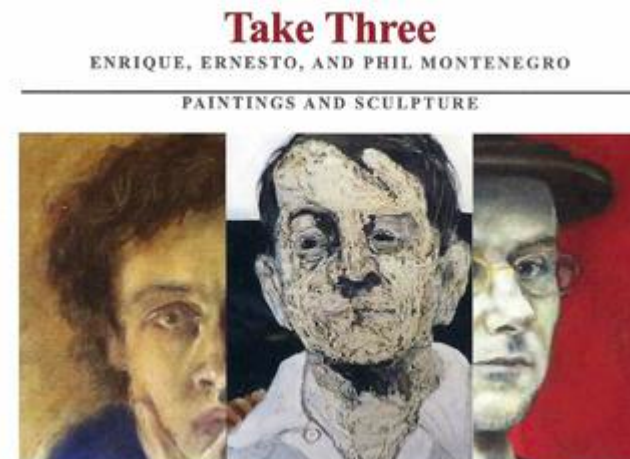
Montenegro described how the statue was “built up” from a two-foot sculpture he’d made of bronze. “I’ve been working in bronze for 40 years,” he said, “so this new medium meant a

very steep learning curve.” He had a photograph of the bronze piece enlarged, hung it on the wall of his work space, and referred to it when building the statue. In the end, he said, “I actually like the roughness of the material. If you look closely, you can see the ragged edges of the mesh.”

Other Montenegro works are in an exhibit at Kimball Union Academy in Meriden. “Take Three” features sculptures by Ernest, and paintings by his father, Enrique, and his son,

Phil. The show will be on view by appointment only until October 23. To schedule a vis-

it, contact 603-469-2136 or [taylorgallery@kua.org](mailto:taylorgallery@kua.org). Note: Masks are required inside the gallery.



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## Claremont to Present 'Trunk or Treat' Event for Halloween

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Parks and Recreation Department, Claremont Chamber of Commerce and Riverbank Church are hard at work preparing an alternative to the traditional Trick or Treating. This year's event will be a trunk or treat held at Monadnock Park from 2PM to 4PM on Sunday, October 31st, with participation from local individuals, businesses and nonprofits. This will be a fun thrill for the entire family with treats and spooky surprises throughout.

We would like you and your business to participate in this great community event! Please register using the below link: <https://bit.ly/HalloweenRegistration2021>.

\*Notice: The Claremont Parks & Rec. Dept. is looking for candy and/or monetary donations for this event. If you or someone you know would like to donate, please contact the Claremont Parks and Rec. Dept. at 603.542.7019. The CSBCC is accepting candy donations during our hours of operation. The candy drive will help those individuals, businesses and non-profits that would like to decorate a trunk but can't afford to supply candy for hundreds of children.

\*\*If you, or anyone you know, is interested in participating in this year's event, please let us know. Individuals, businesses & non-profits are all invited to enter a trunk into this year's event. Just send them the above link, anyone can register.

Any questions may be directed to the Parks & Rec. Dept. at [cc-cprograms@claremontnh.com](mailto:cc-cprograms@claremontnh.com) or by phone at 603.542.7019.



## Claremont's Trunks & Treats Halloween 2021!

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- **For more info. visit [Claremontparks.com](http://Claremontparks.com)**

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# Sports/Recreation

## SHS Field Hockey

09/02/21	at Franklin	W	12 - 0
09/07/21	Conant	L	1 - 2
09/10/21	at Hopkinton	L	3 - 10
09/17/21	at Kearsarge	L	1 - 3
09/21/21	Littleton	W	5 - 1
09/28/21	at Newport	W	4 - 2
09/30/21	Franklin	W	15 - 0
10/05/21	Mascoma Valley	W	2 - 0
10/07/21	at Laconia	W	2 - 0
10/09/21	at Newport	W	4 - 1
10/12/21	Newport	W	4 - 1
10/13/21	Kearsarge	T	2 - 2
10/14/21	at Bishop Brady	L	0 - 4
10/15/21	at Conant	W	4 - 3

## SHS Boys Soccer

08/27/21	Lebanon	L	2 - 3
09/02/21	Bow	W	3 - 2
09/04/21	at Kingswood	W	2 - 1
09/10/21	Pembroke	L	2 - 3
09/13/21	at Coe-Brown Northwood	L	1 - 2
09/25/21	Kearsarge	L	1 - 2
09/30/21	at Fall Mountain Reg	W	1 - 0
10/02/21	at Lebanon	L	0 - 4
10/04/21	at Souhegan	W	1 - 0
10/06/21	Brattleboro Union	W	1 - 0
10/08/21	Plymouth	W	2 - 0
10/11/21	at Manchester West	W	5 - 1
10/14/21	Oyster River	L	1 - 6
10/16/21	Fall Mountain Reg	W	2 - 1
10/19/21	at Bow		04:00 PM
10/22/21	Pelham		04:00 PM

## SHS Girls Soccer

08/27/21	at Lebanon	L	0 - 1
09/03/21	Kingswood	W	5 - 0
09/07/21	at Sunapee	W	1 - 0
09/10/21	at Pembroke	L	0 - 3
09/14/21	Coe-Brown Northwood	W	3 - 2
09/23/21	Manchester West	W	8 - 0
09/25/21	Kearsarge	W	3 - 2
09/28/21	Souhegan	W	2 - 0
10/01/21	at Fall Mountain Reg	W	3 - 1
10/08/21	at Plymouth	W	5 - 0
10/13/21	Fall Mountain Reg	W	6 - 0
10/15/21	at Kearsarge	W	3 - 1
10/16/21	at Oyster River	L	0 - 1
10/19/21	Bow		04:00 PM
10/20/21	Sunapee		06:00 PM
10/22/21	at Pelham		04:00 PM



## 50th Annual Bernard Cup Match

Pouring rain didn't stop the action Saturday night for the playing of the 50th annual Bernard Cup between the SHS Cardinals Boys Soccer team and Fall Mountain at Barnes Park. It was a great come-from-behind win for the Cards as they defeated the Fall Mountain Wildcats, 2-1, on a soaked field. Past participants put in an appearance at halftime, and the evening included recognizing the SHS Boys Soccer seniors: RJ Raymond, Trevor Boutilier, Alex Dyer, Austin Jones, Cooper Moote and Dylan Chambers (Courtesy photos).

# Results Posted for ECCC Bike Races

By Eric Zengota  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—On October 9 and 10, more than 250 racers from 16 institutions of higher learning traveled to Claremont to compete in the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference’s final races of the season. Men’s and women’s teams competed in four categories: cross-country (XC), XC Short Track, Enduro and Downhill. They raced in A, B and C classes, depending on the riders’ point total won in previous races. The courses were in Moody Park and at Arrowhead Recreation Area.

Taylor VanDewark, a freshman at Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY, competed in Men’s Class C. It was his first time racing mountain bikes.

“In the past I’ve simply ridden and built my own features, as well as a skills course for my home town,” he said. “Joining the Clarkson team, meeting new friends and having the opportunity to ride trails in Pennsylvania, Vermont, Massachusetts and New Hampshire has been great.”



**Left: Gavin Boardman builds a new bike at the Claremont Cycle Depot. (Photos by Mark Brislin, Clint VanDewark and Eric Zengota).**



VanDewark placed fifth overall in his class, contributing to the Clarkson team’s first-place overall standing.

Closer to home is Gavin Boardman, 15, of Unity, a sophomore at LEAF Charter School in Alstead. “I’ve been biking for the past three years, but this was my first year racing. The ECCC race was only my second; the first was the Enduro series in August.” Boardman, who rides two to three times a week, says, “I want to bike as long as I can.” He also works at the Claremont Cycle Depot every Saturday, building bikes.

His most time-intensive activity is building bike trails in Claremont’s parks as a member of the volunteer team coordinated by Rob Walker of the Cycle Depot. He contributed so much, says Walker, especially by helping cut a new trail for the ECCC races, that the soon-to-be updated map will include a newly named trail: Boardman.

A PDF of complete results of the Claremont races is posted at [eccc-cycling.com/current-calendar](http://eccc-cycling.com/current-calendar); scroll down to Oct. 9-10 for results.

for Stevens as they scored early and often in rolling to a 48-0 win.

The Cardinals could not find an answer in stopping the prolific Trinity offense and their many weapons. The Cardinals got some nice gains from Hunter Christian and Jai-Lique Ribeiro but were unable to dent the scoreboard.



Stevens will host the Campbell Cougars this Friday night at Barnes Park on Senior Night. Stevens will honor their 5 seniors Zack Bundy, Pascal Lemieux, Hunter Christian, Nick Burke, and Tobby Von Kahle. Game time is 7PM.

## SHS Volleyball

09/03/21	at Hillsboro-Deering	L 0 - 3
09/08/21	Trinity	L 1 - 3
09/13/21	Sunapee	L 0 - 3
09/15/21	at Farmington	L 0 - 3
09/17/21	at Mascenic	L 0 - 3
09/22/21	at Fall Mountain Reg	L 0 - 3
09/24/21	Mascoma Valley	L 0 - 3
09/27/21	at Nute	L 0 - 3
09/29/21	Fall Mountain Reg	L 1 - 3
10/02/21	at Sunapee	L 0 - 3
10/04/21	Portsmouth Christian	L 0 - 3
10/06/21	Hillsboro-Deering	L 0 - 3
10/08/21	at Kennett	L 0 - 3
10/15/21	Franklin	L 1 - 3
10/18/21	Raymond	06:15 PM
10/20/21	at Mascoma Valley	06:15 PM

## Cards No Match for Pioneers’ Offense

The Stevens football team traveled to Manchester for a rare Saturday evening game. The undefeated Pioneers proved to be too much

# Community Walk in Claremont Focuses on Suicide Prevention

By Eric Zengota  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—About 75 people gathered on the Claremont Visitor Center Green last Saturday morning to take part in “Out of the Darkness,” a community walk focusing on suicide awareness and prevention. Many of them were students from SAU6 who were walking in memory of Noah Osgood. Noah, who died on May 16, was a junior at Stevens High School.

The walk in Claremont, which was supported by donations from Eastern Propane and Mascoma Bank, was one of four around New Hampshire that day organized by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Walks were also held in Nashua, Portsmouth and Concord.

Janet Osgood, Noah’s grandmother, led the walkers across the Santagate pedestrian bridge, along Water Street to Broad Street. They paused in front of Stevens High School, where anyone who wished to speak did so, for as long as they wanted. The walkers returned to the Green via Water Street.

Funds raised by the walkers benefited AFSP. Team Noah, organized by SAU6 school social worker Courtney Porter, raised \$2,625. The Claremont walk raised a total of \$4,900.

“As a society, we need to normalize caring for our mental health in the same way we care for our physical health,” said Porter. “It’s OK to not be OK!”

Porter provided the following resources for anyone experiencing a mental health crisis:

Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741

NH Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

NH Addiction Crisis Line: 1-844-711-4357;

Claremont Police Department: 603-542-9538

Mobile Crisis Response Team: 800-688-3544

Call 911

Go to the nearest emergency room.

Learn more at [afsp.org](http://afsp.org).

**Bottom right: Janet Osgood, holding the large sign in memory of her grandson, Noah, leads the walkers across the Santagate pedestrian bridge (Photos: Eric Zengota, Courtney Porter).**





## Mayoral Notes by Charlene Lovett



### Taking Positive Action

Today, the challenges that face individuals and communities are numerous, magnified by a global pandemic in its second year. Whether the issue is financial, educational or health related, our focus must be on finding solutions that have positive results. Below are just a few examples of local actions that positively impact our community.

**Improving Insurance Rating to Positively Affect Commercial Insurance Rates** – In September, the Claremont Fire Department completed testing of 425 city-owned fire hydrants. This action was the result of a budgetary discussion that took place about 2 ½ years ago on how to improve the City's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating, often used to determine commercial insurance rates. The ISO rating is based on several categories, including staffing and equipment. Each category is scored using a point system. Scoring for categories related to manpower and vehicles is directly tied to a community's funding capacity. Scoring for other categories, such as hydrant flow, is based on a department's quality control and maintenance efforts.

The last time that the Claremont FD conducted testing of city-owned hydrants was in 1990. Every five years the ISO rating is reviewed. The last review occurred in 2017 and resulted in an overall rating that included a score of zero out of nine points for hydrant flow. The department's action to test all 425 hydrants will have a positive impact when the ISO rating is next reviewed in 2022.

**Improving Access to Educational Tools** – Utilizing ARPA funding through the NH State Library, Claremont's Fiske Free Library is now offering online tutoring through Brainfuse HelpNow. This service provides homework tutoring for students K-12, as well as resources for adult learners. It is available through the library's catalog page (<https://bit.ly/fiskefree>), accessible and free to patrons with a Fiske Free library card.

The library also has a collection of Launchpad educational tablets that cover a variety of subjects for different grade levels. Patrons with a Fiske Free library card can check these devices out. Because the tablets operate independently from the internet, they are an excellent option for families with no or limited internet access. Having access to both the online tutoring and tablets will help learners of all ages achieve their educational goals.

**Raising Suicide Prevention Awareness** – On October 16, Claremont hosted its first "Out of the Darkness Walk" to raise suicide prevention awareness. For many of you reading this now, the walk will already have taken place. However, it is important to note that this event was generated by a Claremont individual who works in the mental health field and recognized the need to raise awareness.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for people ages 10-44 in NH, and we have lost community members to it. Organizing and participating in this walk demonstrates our desire to change this statistic. If you or a loved one is struggling with suicidal thoughts, resources are available at West Central Behavioral Health, TLC and the Veterans Administration.

*Charlene Lovett is the Mayor of Claremont and welcomes your feedback. Please email questions, comments or concerns to her at [clovett.ccc@gmail.com](mailto:clovett.ccc@gmail.com).*

### City Council Recognizes Walker for Trail Work in Parks

By Eric Zengota  
e-Ticker News

CLAREMONT, NH—Rob Walker received formal "citizen recognition" from the Claremont City Council at their meeting on October 13.

Walker, the general manager of Claremont Cycle Depot, was recognized for

his volunteer work in Moody Park and Arrowhead Recreation Area. He and a team of volunteers have been building and rebuilding trails in Moody Park for several years. They've also been maintaining the trails, providing year-round access to bikers, snowshoers and cross-country skiers to the park. The bike trails have been brought up to beginner and intermediate levels, and have proved to be a popular regional draw for those just starting out on mountain biking and racing.

This past March, Walker, a member of the Claremont Parks and Recreation Commission, turned his team's attention — and dedicated hundreds of volunteer hours — to improving the bike trails at Arrowhead. The building and rebuilding of trails resulted in their advanced and expert status, a requisite standard for the world-qualifying Enduro mountain bike races held at Arrowhead in August.

As a result of the social media buzz generated by that race, the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference chose Claremont as the site for its cross-country, Enduro and downhill races, which were held at Moody and Arrowhead earlier this month.

Councilors, city manager Ed Morris, and parks and recreation director Mark Brislin joined to praise Walker not only for greatly improving the City's recreational offerings, but also for establishing Claremont as the go-to place for mountain bikers from around the region, the State, and the world.

**Rob Walker (center, in black shirt) was recognized by the Claremont City Council for his volunteer work on bike trails in Moody Park and Arrowhead Recreation Area (Eric Zengota photo).**



# Inspiration

## Omega

By Priscilla Hull

The symbol omega,  $\Omega$ , is the 24th, the last, letter in the Greek alphabet. It is a symbol for the end. Likewise, the first letter of the Greek alphabet is A or Alpha. Thus together, the two can be considered Alpha and Omega, or the beginning and the end, as our alphabet starts with A and ends with Z. There is nothing before and nothing after.

In biblical references, Omega refers also to the end of everything. It refers to the end of the current way of life and entrance into a new and different life. Through the ages, the use of the Omega symbol can mean a change from one thing or being or existence to another. During the time of the Vietnam war, the symbol was applied to demonstrations saying the the action must cease for the good of all. It was used at other times, also to identify a group or a movement such as the resistance to an action.

As an ancient symbol of faith, the omega symbol refers to all encompassing. It defines the undefinable as in a symbol for something which is so grand that it cannot be enclosed. There are no boundaries with Omega.

In modern day usage, the symbol or name Omega tells us that a product might be the ultimate or top of the line. There is nothing better! We've all heard of Omega watches and time keepers. They are considered top of the line.

If we accept the common usage of Alpha and Omega, we accept that there is a beginning and an end to everything that exists on earth. We don't have to be theologians to know this. What we do need to understand is that the end of one phase leads to another. As the butterfly emerges from the cocoon, so we emerge from life as we know it and become a new thing.

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, who is, who was and who is to come." (Revelation 1:8)*

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." (Revelation 22:13).*

*Priscilla Hull is the Lay Leader of the First United Methodist Church in Claremont, NH.*



## Calendar Of Events

### Retirement Open House in Honor of Donna Nashawaty

SUNAPEE, NH—Please join the Sunapee Selectmen for a Retirement Open House in honor of town manager Donna Nashawaty. Join us to help her celebrate 17 years of dedicated service to the Town of Sunapee. Thursday, October 28, 2021  
2:00PM-4:00PM  
Town Meeting Room, 23 Edgemont Road.

### WorkReadyNH Celebrates 10th Anniversary

For 10 years, CCSNH's WorkReadyNH program has helped New Hampshire residents hoping to return to the workforce by teaching "soft skills" alongside professional competencies in demand by Granite State employers. Hear what participants say about how the program gave them the confidence for a fresh start by going to [www.ccsnh.edu/workreadynh](http://www.ccsnh.edu/workreadynh) to learn more.

### New Series on Climate Change and Wildlife

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Conservation Commission has sponsored a series of programs in 2021. The final program of eight programs is as follows: Saturday, October 23, 1030-1130 AM, Zoom. Curious about what you can do at home to protect and restore clean water in your local rivers and lakes? Throughout New Hampshire, neighbors are creating rain gardens, setting up rain barrels, and using trenches and other simple techniques to prevent water pollution. Whether you live on the water or up the road, come learn how you can do your part. Lisa Loosigian, Soak up the rain, NH.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84969521852?pwd=bndWd3llUnJ3eld5cklEcEpJS1ZrZz09>.

This program is partially funded by the New England Grassroots Environment Fund.

### COH 2021 Season Underway

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Opera House has kicked off its 2021 season with a diverse offering of events this fall, including music, theatre and comedy. Ticket prices remain competitive for the area, and many shows are eligible for membership benefits.

The fall lineup continues as follows:

- October 22 Breakers - Tom Petty tribute band
- October 23 Bitter Pill - Rhythm and bluegrass original music
- October 29 EagleMania - The Eagles tribute band
- November 6 Rob Steen - Comedy show
- November 12-14 Clue - Live theatre
- November 19-21 A Christmas Carol - Live theatre, kickoff to national tour
- December 10 Rock This Town Orchestra Holiday Spectacular - Music swing band

For more information about the COH, please contact Andrew Pinard [ajp@cohn.org](mailto:ajp@cohn.org). Tickets and season information are available online at [www.cohn.org](http://www.cohn.org).

### 2021 Flu Clinic Schedule Announced by Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Ottauquechee Health Center

WINDSOR, VT – The flu season will soon be here, so Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) in Windsor, VT, and Ottauquechee Health Center in Woodstock, VT, will offer flu vaccination clinics this fall, with multiple dates in Windsor and Woodstock to help Upper Valley residents avoid the physical discomfort of flu season, and to help the Hospital preserve resources by minimizing flu hospitalizations as it fights both the flu virus

and COVID-19.

The next two clinics at the Ottauquechee Health Center will take place on Saturday, October 30, from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM, and Saturday, November 20, from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Ottauquechee Health Center is located at 32 Pleasant Street in Woodstock. For appointments, call (802) 457-3030.

MAHHC encourages everyone to bring their insurance card to their appointment to ensure easy and accurate processing. An expanded list of flu clinic dates in November and December is available and the Hospital urges the public to visit [MtAscutneyHospital.org/flushots](http://MtAscutneyHospital.org/flushots) for more information.

### Charlestown Fall Festival & Craft Fair October 22-24

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Come spend a day or the whole weekend at the Charlestown Fall Festival & Craft Fair. Activities Friday through Sunday, Oct. 22-24, for kids, adults, families - something for all. Food trucks, crafts, games. October 22nd - 24th Charlestown Fall Festival 24th 6-10 PM dodgeball tournament at CMS

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25th 9AM -- 3PM Swan Common and Depot Streets

Craft Fair, activities for kids and adults, Apple Race,

Race Car Show, Hay Wagon Rides, Touch a Truck, Food Trucks and more!

9:30 Kids Fun Run Registration 9:45 5K Registration

11AM Corn Hole Tournament Registration, 2PM Dylan Tenney Magic

26th 11:30 Patch Park Charlestown Rec. vs. Charlestown Fire and Police

Concessions open for lunch

Watch the Charlestown Rec Department Facebook page for upcoming details.

## **Printmakers' Exhibit to Run To Nov. 22**

CLAREMONT, NH—The Claremont Opera House/John D. Bennett Atrium Gallery is hosting an Invitational Exhibit of Printmakers from September 25 to November 22. Work of seven NH and VT artists is being represented.

### **Center for the Arts: Lake Sunapee Region**

2021 Calendar of Events

[www.CenterForTheArtsNH.org](http://www.CenterForTheArtsNH.org)

“Safe” Live and Virtual Events

**November 1st** – 16th Holiday Arts Auction for Arts Education.

**November 5th** - First Fridays! Gallery Opening Receptions! 5:30-7:30 FREE

Opening Receptions for New exhibits in New London. Garrett Evans is at The New London Inn, Loren Howard is at the Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Penny Koburger is at the Blue Loon Bakery all on Main Street, and Loa Winters is at the Tatewell Gallery on Newport Road!

“Eat, Sip, Stroll, and Enjoy the Art!” ALL Exhibits Open during regular business hours!

[www.centerfortheartsnh.org/first-fridays](http://www.centerfortheartsnh.org/first-fridays)

**November 5th – 7th and 12th – 14th** – The 2021 Performing Arts Series- Turning Toward the Sun adapted from the novel by Cecil Warren and directed by Wally Borgen. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30, Sundays at 2:00

Produced by SKIT. Warner Town Hall. Tickets can be purchased at Morgan Hill, Tatewell Gallery and online at SKIT.

**November 16th** - Holiday Dinner Wine and Trivia Dinner and Auction Finale at the New London Inn 6:30 pm

[www.centerfortheartsnh.org/wine-dinner](http://www.centerfortheartsnh.org/wine-dinner)

*Dates, times, and venues are subject to change; please check the website for up-to-date information: [www.CenterForTheArts-NH.org](http://www.CenterForTheArts-NH.org).*

## **Common Milkweed Pod Collection 2021**

NH Fish & Game and UNH Cooperative Extension are calling on New Hampshire residents for milkweed pod collections.

The seeds from the milkweed pods will be sown by NH Department of Transportation into conservation corridors, designated areas along highways that are planted with native perennials to benefit pollinators.

Milkweed is the sole host plant for monarch butterflies to lay their eggs and for caterpillar feeding. It also serves as a food source for many other pollinator species. The disappearance of milkweed across the U.S. has contributed to the 80% decline of the eastern monarch butterfly population over the last 20 years. State and federal agencies, conservation organizations and others are working hard to increase the amount of milkweed on the landscape, and you can help by contributing to this important source of local milkweed seeds.

### **Collecting Milkweed Pods**

Only collect the pods when they are dry and grey/brown. If the center seam pops with gentle pressure, they can be harvested.

Store the pods in paper bags; plastic bags will collect unwanted moisture.

Write the date and county collected on the bag.

Keep the pods in a cool, dry place until you deliver them to the collection site.

Leave some pods (25%) on the plants to also allow for natural dispersal.

For a list of collection sites, visit <https://extension.unh.edu/milkweed>.

This event continues through Oct. 30.

## **Lake Sunapee VNA Offers Three Grief Support Groups**

NEW LONDON, NH – Lake Sunapee VNA offers three virtual grief support groups for the

community. The “Newly Bereaved Widows Group” is for women who have experienced the loss of their husband within the last year and is held on the third Thursday of every month from 10:00-11:00am. The “Widow to Widow Group” is for women in all stages of grief and meets on the first Monday of every month from 3:30-5:00pm. Newly bereaved widows are welcome at this group as well, especially if they are feeling the need for more frequent support. In addition, a “Bereavement Check-in” group is available for men and women experiencing a loss of any kind on the third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-5:00pm.

All of these groups provide an opportunity for participants to come together in a safe place of compassion and confidentiality. Attend once, multiple times or as needed. If interested, email your contact information to Elizabeth Gantner at [egantner@lakesunapeevna.org](mailto:egantner@lakesunapeevna.org) and a member of the Lake Sunapee VNA bereavement team will call you with further details.

## **Charlestown VFW Bingo Schedule**

CHARLESTOWN, NH—Charlestown VFW Bingo is offering a weekly opportunity for some entertainment and socializing while helping us to raise funds for our many Veterans programs. Wednesday nights at 5:00 p.m. for early birds and 6:30 p.m. for regular fun and games. Currently, we play 12 regular and two 2 part games, as well as a 50/50 game, Winner-take-all game, Carry Over Coverall game and a Jackpot game. The Governor’s emergency order concerning COVID has expired. It is now time to take the lessons we have learned over the past year plus and act accordingly. If you’re sick – stay home. Cover your nose / mouth when you cough, wash and / or sanitize your hands frequently, and we’ll all be healthier. The attendance limitation has also ended. In keeping with the state CDC recommendations, if you have a compromised immune system you may still wear a mask for your own protection. We still have masks and hand sanitizer for anyone that may desire either product. The Charlestown VFW Post is located at 365 Lover’s Lane Rd, Charlestown, NH. Updates to our schedule and the weekly carry over coverall game can be found on our Facebook page.

Remembering Loved Ones...

## Life Tributes

### Obituaries May Be Found On Our Website

We post obituaries on our website to make them available in "real time," as they are released by funeral homes.

We will continue to publish them here weekly, as well, for your convenience if you wish to print out any of them.

[www.etickernewsclaremont.com](http://www.etickernewsclaremont.com)

#### James P Aiken, 68

It is with profound sadness that the family of James P. Aiken announce his passing into the arms of heavenly angels on October 8, 2021; he was 68.

James was born June 17, 1953, the fifth child of Charles L. Aiken Sr. and Yvonne Alice (Sylvester) Aiken in Claremont, NH. James attended Claremont grammar schools and graduated from Stevens High School the class of 1973. James summered on Great Island in Lake Sunapee having a very busy and typical youth. James was an active drummer in numerous area bands. James was employed by Wainshal's Furniture, Sturm Ruger and McBride Fabricators. James was single but was very family oriented always keeping abreast of all his loved ones.

James was predeceased by his parents Charles L. Aiken Sr. and Yvonne A. Aiken; his sisters Margret M. and Susan Ruth; his Brother David Russell, all of Claremont, NH.

James is survived by his brothers, Charles (Patricia) Aiken of Plainfield, NH. Timothy (Cheryl) Aiken of Claremont, NH, Paul Aiken (Elizabeth/ Beth Simpson) of Claremont, NH, Herrick Aiken of Newport, NH. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Mary Aiken of Claremont, NH. Many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to thank Crotchet Mountain Community Care, and especially Pam, for the devoted and loving care they provide James.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday (October 16) at the Roy Funeral Home with the Rev. Arockia Antony, officiating. Committal followed in the family lot in St. Mary's Cemetery.

You are invited to share a memory of James with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at [www.royfuneralhome.com](http://www.royfuneralhome.com).

#### Dustin B. Burnett

Dustin Bruce Burnett (DBB#15) died peacefully at his home in West Fairlee, VT on December 15, 2020. Dustin was born February 21, 1969, in Claremont, NH. He attended Claremont schools and graduated from Stevens High School in 1987. Dustin furthered his education at Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA. After graduation, he taught physical education at Frances Richmond School in Hanover, NH, while also coaching Hanover High School's Junior Varsity Soccer Team. Dustin operated his own sporting goods

store for a number of years before returning to teaching at Thetford Academy, Thetford, VT. At the Academy, he worked with their soccer program and was instrumental in starting a mountain biking program.

In 1999, Dustin established Touchline Soccer Tech, a yearly summer soccer camp focusing on technical skills and techniques. He kept the camps active throughout his endeavors. His love of soccer started in early childhood with the Community Center Pee Wee Soccer League and culminated as part of the very successful SHS Varsity team under the guidance of widely beloved Coach Ray Bernard. Dustin was a 4-year starter on the SRU soccer team and competed in several local soccer leagues in his adult years. He wore jersey #15 during his entire soccer career and included DBB#15 as part of his signature. He formed many lifelong friendships along the way.

Dustin was predeceased by his "Madre", Bonnie Cusanelli Richmond, with whom he had a very close and special relationship.

Dustin is survived by his brother, Michael Burnett, Jr., and sister-in-law, Roxanna Barnaby of Orford, NH; his stepfather, Frank Richmond of Claremont; and stepbrothers, Michael

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-Dr. Sam Given

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Richmond and Scott Richmond of Claremont. He also leaves behind his father, Michael Burnett, Sr. and Nanette, of Arizona.

There will be an interment gathering at West Claremont Burying Ground in Claremont, on October 20, 2021 at 2 PM. At that time, friends and family are encouraged to share thoughts, memories, or anecdotes about their experiences with Dustin.

Donations may be made in Dusty's memory to Stevens High School (soccer program), or the Upper Valley Humane Society, P.O. Box 789, Lebanon, NH 03766.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

**Evelyn F. Stearns, 104**

Evelyn Frances (Marshall) Stearns, a long-time resident of Claremont, NH, passed away on October 9, 2021, at 104 years of age at the Vernon Green Nursing Home after a brief illness. Evelyn was born in South Berwick, ME, on March 31st, 1917, to Helen and Perley Marshall. She was predeceased by her four-year-old daughter, Linda.

Evelyn was a 1938 graduate of Nashua Memorial School of Nursing where she earned her R. N. After enlisting in the U.S. Army, Evelyn she was transferred in 1944 to Goode-nough Island, part of New Guinea, in the South Pacific where the American army was engaged in operations from January 1943 until the end of the war in 1945. Evelyn was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for her service during World War II and was honorably discharged from the Army Nurse Corps on September 16, 1946, after four years and one month of service.

Evelyn retired from the Valley Regional Hospital in 1982 after 22 years in the operating room, serving as Supervisor for the majority of her tenure. Evelyn's dedication to her profession is embodied in the following:

"It seems that a hospital, more than any other type of institution, is almost a living organism whose daily work in alleviating suffering and healing the sick is possible only through the interest, industry and devotion to duty of many individuals whose names do not get into the permanent records, but without whom the organization would be unable to carry on..." – The History of The Nashua Hospital Association 1893-1943.

Evelyn was an avid bridge player and played through her late-nineties and kept physically fit by walking and maintaining her home on Mann

Court. Happy pursuits included gardening, fishing, cribbage, crossword puzzles and reading.

Survivors include three daughters: Diane Binnick of Washington, DC; Gail Solomon of Scottsdale, AZ; and Sally Brassor of Vernon, VT.

Evelyn also leaves her seven grandchildren, Jason, Jennifer, Marc, Sarah, Scott, Kate and

Kurt, and nine great grandchildren. She also leaves her dear friend, Patricia Waite, and cousins Martha Barrett and David Pierce in Nashua, NH, and Jim Pierce in Woodstock, VT.

There will be no services at this time. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

The Stringer Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.



**Saturday October 23, 2021**  
**10am-2pm**

**NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**

**At Sullivan County Police Departments near you**

**Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands.**

*Help us prevent substance misuse and overdose deaths by disposing your unused, unwanted, or expired prescription medications.*



**WHY IT'S IMPORTANT**

9.7 million people misused prescription pain relievers in 2019. <sup>1</sup>



**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Bring medication you no longer need to a participating location near you to dispose of them safely and prevent prescription drug misuse.



**PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS NEAR YOU**

Call your local police department or visit [takebackday.dea.gov](https://takebackday.dea.gov) for more information.

**\* Check with your local Police Department to see what products are available**

<sup>1</sup> DEA. (2021, April). DEA national RX Take back day. Take Back Day. Retrieved from <https://takebackday.dea.gov/>.



Learn more about Medication Drop Boxes in your community available year-round at <https://www.twinstatesafemeds.org/>

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Sullivan County Humane Society brings you.....



Sunday, October 24, 2021

@ The Claremont Senior Center

5 Acer Heights Rd, Claremont NH

Join us for 20 fun games of BINGO for various prizes!

Purchasing a \$5 book gets you a play for each of the 20 regular games

And buying multiple books can only multiply your LUCK

Doors will open @ noon & games will begin at 1:00

Masks are required

PRIZES INCLUDE:

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Game 21 is a GRAND PRIZE of a

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&

\$50.00 Visa Gift Card

Buy as many \$3 sheets as you'd like to have plenty of chances to win!

Get 1 Free Grand Prize sheet by bringing a donation for our Pet Food Bank

Proceeds will benefit the Sullivan County Humane Society. Pursuant to NH Gaming Laws, no one under 18 is permitted during the event.

## Claremont Senior Center News

Hi, everyone! Long time no see! Just thought we would give you a very short update of what's up at the Center. Here goes!

Yes!! We are open: Monday-Friday, -9am-3pm. Tuesday and Thursday, 6pm-9pm for Game Nights.

Coming up: the Winter Wonderland Craft Fair is going well. Date: Saturday, Nov. 6, 9am-2pm. Set up if you wish on Friday, 6pm-8pm. We are on the lookout for some more crafters. Always room. We have the raffle baskets ready, maybe a Cookie Walk, and Ken is planning a warming lunch. We are immersed in blue, silver and a hint of holiday. Ho! Ho! Ho!. Call 603-542-5798 for info and an application . Thanks.

Ladies Pool on Mondays at 9-11am is great. What a blast! We laugh a lot, believe us. Cribbage has started on Mondays, 1-3pm. It's good to have it back. Join us.

Receptionists always needed. A couple of hours a week will do.

That's it for now. It was nice talking to you again. Join us at the center. Laughter and good conversation always welcome.

Claremont Senior Center, 5 Acer Heights Rd, Claremont, NH. 543-5998. Masks if not vaccinated. Proof required. We will issue a yellow card for future I.D.

## Claremont Fire Dept. Log

### **Sunday 10/10:**

11:13 AM: Engine 3 responded to Pleasant St. for a medical call.

11:37 AM: Engine 4 responded to Bellic St. for a medical call.

12:23 PM: Engine 4 responded to Fiske Place for a medical call.

1:48 PM: Engine 4 responded to Briggs St. for a medical call.

### **Monday 10/11:**

12:24 AM: Engine 4 responded to Sullivan St. for a medical call.

2:01 AM: Engine 4 responded to Lincoln Heights to assist Golden Cross Ambulance.

7:13 AM: Engine 4 responded to Myrtle St. for a medical call.

8:41 AM: Engine 4 responded to Maple Ave. for a propane problem.

11:58 AM: Engine 4 responded to Thrasher Rd. for a motor vehicle accident.

1:43 PM: Engine 4 responded to Oakwood Park for an open 911 Line.

6:37 PM: Engine 4 responded to Sullivan St. for a report of an alarm sounding.

7:43 PM: Engine 4 responded to Broad St. for an alarm sounding.

### **Tuesday 10/12:**

7:07 PM: Engine 4 responded to Krista Place for a report of a telephone pole on fire.

### **Wednesday 10/13:**

10:52 AM: Engine 3 responded to Draper's Corners for a motor vehicle accident.

4:22 PM: Engine 4 responded to Morning Place for a vehicle that struck a building.

6:52 PM: Engine 4 responded to Maple Ave. for a medical call.

### **Thursday 10/14:**

6:19 AM: Engine 4 responded to Buena Vista Rd. for a medical call.

12:31 PM: Engine 3 responded to Sullivan St. for a fuel spill.

1:39 PM: Engine 4 responded to First St. for a 911 hang up.

3:33 PM: Engine 4 responded to Pleasant St. for a medical call.

6:00 PM: Engine 4 responded to Heritage Drive for a possible overdose.

11:33 PM: Engine 4 responded to Central St. for a report of an alarm sounding.

11:48 PM: Engine 4 responded to Central St. for a medical call.

### **Friday 10/15:**

12:31 PM: Engine 4 responded to Mulberry St. for an alarm sounding.

5:43 PM: Engine 4 responded to Pleasant St. for a possible overdose.

8:52 PM: Engine 4 responded to Broad St. for a check of well-being.

### **Saturday 10/16:**

11:00 AM: Engine 4 responded to Winter St. for a suicidal subject.

1:32 PM: Engine 4 responded to Myrtle St. for a medical call.

1:36 PM: Engine 3 responded to Pleasant St. for a medical call.

3:39 PM: Engine 4 responded to Bailey Ave. for a public assist.

10:26 PM: Engine 4 responded to Hanover St. for a medical call.

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19**

### **Virtual Public Forums - NH Route 120 (south of Lebanon)**

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is continuing to collect resident input on regional transportation corridors. This month, we want to learn about your experience traveling on the US Route 120 corridor between Lebanon, NH (south of the Green) and Claremont, NH. This covers the communities of Lebanon, Plainfield, Cornish, and Claremont. How do you travel in this corridors? Have you encountered safety concerns? What improvements are needed?

Join us on Zoom on Tuesday, October 19th, for an interactive discussion about these issues. We're excited to see what we learn.

We'll be hosting two meetings on 10/19:

- 5:30 - 6:30 PM: NH Route 10 South Corridor – covering NH Route 10 south of I-89 starting in Grantham

- 6:30 - 7:30 PM: NH Route 120 South Corridor – covering NH Route 120 south of the Lebanon green down to Claremont

**\*\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED\*\*** – please email Alex Belenz at [abelenz@uvlsrpc.org](mailto:abelenz@uvlsrpc.org). Once registered, you'll receive information on how to access the meeting.

### **Fatal Motorcycle Accident Claims Life of Claremont Man**

UNITY, NH—On October 16, at approximately 4:53 pm, troopers from the New Hampshire State Police-Troop C responded to a reported motorcycle crash on 2nd NH Turnpike in Unity, NH. The lone occupant of the motorcycle, had sustained serious injuries and died on scene. He was identified Sunday night by NHSP as John Wittemann, 50, of Claremont.

Preliminary investigation indicates the operator of the motorcycle failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway. It is believed that speed was a contributing factor, said the NHSP in a release. There were no other persons or vehicles involved in this crash.

The State Police were assisted at the scene by the Unity Fire Department and Golden Cross Ambulance.

This crash remains under investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Trooper Eric Fosterling via Troop C dispatch at (603) 223-8494, or by email at [eric.J.Fosterling@dos.nh.gov](mailto:eric.J.Fosterling@dos.nh.gov).





**The Claremont City Council will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.**

**AGENDA**

6:30 PM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6:32 PM 2. ROLL CALL

6:34 PM 3. NON-PUBLIC SESSION PURSUANT TO RSA 91-A:3,II(a) – PERSONNEL

8:00 PM 4. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Claremont City Council's next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.



## Pumpkin Painting at the Fiske Free Library



The library will once again be

Holding their annual pumpkin painting program on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

At 3:00 p.m.

All supplies and pumpkins will be provided

Sign-ups encouraged, but not mandatory

You must be at the program to get a pumpkin, however if any are left over,  
they will be available to anyone who wasn't able to come to the program.

The leftover pumpkins may be picked up on a first come, first served basis  
on Friday or Saturday

Sponsored by: the Friends of the Fiske Free Library

Please call the library for more information

542-7017

(This event is planned for outside; if inclement weather moves it inside, masks will be required).





## CITY OF CLAREMONT

### FALL CLEAN-UP

The Fall Clean-up Program in the City of Claremont will operate for one week beginning Monday, November 1, 2021 through Friday, November 5, 2021.

Leaves and grass rakings must be placed in **COMPOSTABLE PAPER BAGS AND LEFT AT THE CURBSIDE BY 7:00 AM ON MONDAY, November 1, 2021.** THERE WILL BE NO CALL BACKS. Leaves in plastic bags will not be picked up; nor will garbage, brush or household items be collected.

After November 5th, Claremont citizens may bring leaves, bagged in compostable biodegradable bags, to the Transfer Station on Tuesdays & Saturdays at no cost.

Per City Council policy adopted on May 12, 2004, the Public Works Department will no longer accept or pick up leaves that are not in paper, biodegradable bags. Paper Compostable (30) gallon bags are available at various local hardware, grocery, and department stores.

Jeremy Clay  
Assistant Director of Public Works